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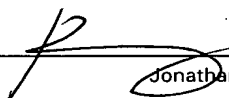
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith are an Amendment, with attached executed DECLARATION under 37 C.F.R. §1.132, in response to the Office Action, mailed July 15, 2003, a check for one month extension of time and a return postcard for filing in connection with the above-identified application. If a Petition for extension of time is required, this paper is to be considered such Petition.

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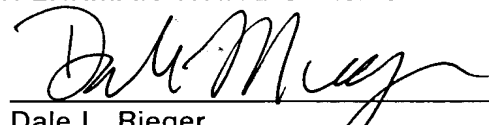
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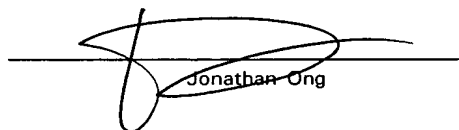
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action, mailed July 15, 2003, consideration and entry of the following amendment are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.